Statement III—*contd.*

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Maharashtra	18.86
Manipur	0.50
Meghalaya	0.53
Mizoram	0.19
Nagaland	0.39
Orissa	7.77
Punjab	3.42
Rajasthan	9.82
Sikkim	0.11
Tamil Nadu	14.02
Tripura	0.51
Uttar Pradesh	30.16
West Bengal	11.47
A & N Island	0.03
D & N Haveli	0.04
Delhi	0.08
Daman & Diu	0.01
Pondicherry	0.10
Chandigarh & Lakshadweep	0.01
All India	191.34

(–)Not available.

Production of foodgrains and commercial Crops

1485. SHRI RAMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of production which has been recorded in foodgrains and commercial crops in the country during the year 1993-94 State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bihar is one of the States producing lowest foodgrains as well as other commercial crops, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) what measures Government are contemplating to enhance the production of foodgrains and other commercial crops in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) State-wise production of foodgrains and commercial crops during the year 1993-94 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Bihar is one of the States having low average production per hectare of most of the principal crops except maize and small millets.

(c) For increasing the productivity and production of foodgrain and commercial crops, crop oriented production programmes namely, Integrated Cereal Development Programme, National Pulses Development Programme, Oilseeds Production Programme and Special Jute Development Programme are being implemented in the State.

Statement

Statewise Production of Foodgrains and Commercial Crops during 1993-94

(000' Tonnes)

State	Foodgrains	Oilseeds	Cotton†	Jute & Mesta††	Sugar-cane
Andhra Pradesh	12,085	2,850	1,340	485	13,553
Assam	3,533	162	1	703	1,700
Bihar	12,307	171	—	1,046	4,398
Gujarat	4,037	1,575	1,623	—	10,232
Haryana	10,272	885	1,124	—	6,420
Himaghal Pradesh	1,374	15	—	—	26
Jammu & Kashmir	1,621	35	—	—	20
Karnataka	8,435	1,903	805	22	20,884
Kerala	1,023	13	19	—	448
Madhya Pradesh	18,412	4,539	406	9	1,725
Maharashtra	13,495	2,215	2,625	48	27,892
Orissa	8,261	725	5	424	5,000
Punjab	19,987	254	1,727	—	5,760
Rajasthan	6,947	2,308	839	—	1,020
Tamil Nadu	8,771	2,025	421	—	27,575
Uttar Pradesh	36,867	1,529	13	2	1,04,839
West Bengal	12,623	442	—	5,639	850
Others	1,983	78	12	102	700
All India	1,82,033	21,724	10,960	8,480	2,33,042

†=Production in '000 bales of 170 kgs. each.

††=Production in '000 bales of 180 kgs. each.

Annual return from floriculture in Himachal Pradesh

1486. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that annual return at present from floriculture in Himachal Pradesh is estimated at Rs. 90 lakh and is expected to go up to Rs. 3 crore during the current plan period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has great export potential and if so facts thereof;

(c) whether as per the report in 'Tribune' dated 4th October, 1994 plans of the State Government to introduce floriculture on a big scale in the State has failed;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, no Study has been made to assess the export potential of floriculture products from Himachal Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The steps taken by the State Govt. to motivate farmers for taking up commercial floriculture relate to :

(i) Introduction of quality planting material of bulbous and other plants from other countries to meet the demand for floriculture sector of the State.

(ii) Organisation of floriculture cooperative society to take up flower growing on commercial line. 18 flower growers cooperative and marketing societies have already been formed.